

**FREDERICK COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 9, 2008**

DOA MEMBERS	DOA STAFF	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED	GUESTS
Suzan M. Adams		Margaret Nusbaum		Carol Haag, RSVP
		William P. Allen, PhD		
Earl S. Beck, PhD				
Rae Ann Butler	Susan M Ramsburg Recording Sec.			
Harold A. Ehart, Jr., Chair		Susan Shelton		
Judy Hallman	Carolyn True			
Lloyd Hoover				
		Alan Imhoff, Alderman		
		Charles A. Jenkins, Comm		
Ona M. John Kile				
Louise Lynch				
Burt Shawver				
Virginia Skelley				
		Anna Mary Snyder		
Robert Wannemacher				

- I. **Call to Order** – Hal Ehart, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.
- II. **Welcome & Introductions** – Hal Ehart welcomed all attendees and introductions/affiliations were made.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the April 14, 2008 meeting were approved on a motion by Louise Lynch and seconded by Rae Ann Butler. All were in favor. Burt Shawver noted that he had not received a copy of the minutes.
- IV. **Commissioner's Report** – no report at this time.

- V. **Status of newspaper articles for publication in the Gazette** – This has been an ongoing project since January and nothing has been completed as yet. The Commission on Aging Board does have a subcommittee working on this project. One suggestion is to partner with the Elder Service Provider Council to create a recurring article in the local paper. It would be a good idea to have someone from this committee attend the Commission's meetings and vice versa. Rae Ann Butler will contact the Elder Service Provider Council and have someone contact Hal Ehart or Louise Lynch.
- VI. **Update on State COA Activities** – Burt Shawver and Louise Lynch, who attended the State COA meeting at the Glenwood Senior Center on April 30, 2008, gave a report. There was much discussion about the issues that face seniors currently and in the coming years. There will be education opportunities that will help seniors learn the lobbying process so they can become an effective participant. The first session will take place in the early part of July for the Western Maryland and Eastern shore regions. It will be located in the Hagerstown area. A facilitator and location are still needed. Michelle Douglas will be helping with this first session. The DoA email system would be a good way to spread the word.
- Carol Haag presented information from a recent gathering in Atlanta. The Corporation for National and Community Service and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Administration on Aging (AoA) have joined together for a multi-year partnership to deal with these issues utilizing volunteer opportunities. There will be grant money available to fund these actions.
- VII. **Feedback on the May annual luncheon with elected officials** – The consensus was that this was an excellent meeting. The speaker, Stuart Rosenthal, was very good.
- VIII. **Discussion with members of Frederick County Planning** - The Frederick County Division of Planning staff were here to discuss the comprehensive plan for the next twenty years and what the human service needs are for seniors in our area. They will need a draft by November 30, 2008. There was much discussion on all issues, strengths and challenges facing older adults, their caregivers and families, current and future. Unity and education were suggested as ways for seniors to make their voice heard to local politicians so they can become a part of the decision making process.

A survey is available for public input on the county weaknesses and strengths and what future needs will need to be addressed. The deadline for survey completion is June 15, 2008. The survey was

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promoted on the county website and in a newspaper article. Paper surveys are available.

- IX. **Citizen's Nursing Home and Rehab** – Earl Beck reported on the status of the new Citizen's Nursing Home and Rehab. There will be a meeting at Winchester Hall on June 17, 2008 at 10:30 am to discuss budgetary issues. If you are not able to attend, please send an email or note to the Board of County Commissioners with your support for a new facility. No new information is available regarding the Certificate of Need.
- X. **Director's Report** –Delayed until next month's meeting due to time.
- XI. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Ramsburg,
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING: July 14, 2008, 1:00 pm at the **Brunswick Senior Center**, 12 East A Street, Brunswick, MD 21716. If you plan to have lunch, please make a reservation no later than 9am on July 11, 2008 by calling 301-834-8115.